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In re Application of:

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For: SOFTWARE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

**SPECIFICATION, CLAIMS AND
ABSTRACT AS PRELIMINARILY AMENDED**

Amendments to the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4:

The present invention relates to a software management system comprising a network system which includes a center server and a local server connected to the center server via a wide-area network, such that the center server manages the whole wide-area network. More particularly, the invention relates to a software management system which features an improved function for downloading the application software from the center server onto the local server maintaining improved reliability.

Amendments to the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 14:

Use of a wide-area network such as internet is ever spreading in recent years. Further, the widespread use of "Java" which is a network-directed program language, is requiring an increased amount of processing for